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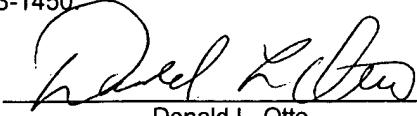
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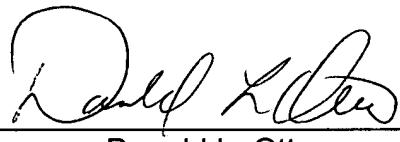
In the Official Action mailed February 12, 2003, the Examiner withdrew the finality of the rejection of the last Office Action allegedly for simplifying the issues for appeal. However, the Examiner then proceeds to reject all of the appealed claims 33-39, 42, 44 and 48-50 on the very same references previously relied

upon but in some instances modifies his position somewhat. Moreover, the Examiner made the action final. Accordingly, appellants hereby request that the appeal be reinstated. A Supplemental Appeal Brief accompanies this request.

In the event an extension of time is necessary, this should be considered a petition for such an extension. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with this application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. CUTLP0101USA).

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